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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A rake comprising:
an extendable handle;
a rake head pivotally attached to said handle, wherein the rake head carries a plurality of tines and is pivotally moveable between a position generally parallel to the handle and a position generally perpendicular to the handle without being detached from the handle; and
a spike coupled to the rake, wherein said spike is generally perpendicular to said plurality of tines.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The rake according to claim 1, wherein the spike is attached to the rake head.
4. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 1, wherein the spike is attached to the handle.
5. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 1, wherein the handle is comprised of at least two sections with complementary cross sections whereby one section fits within the other.
6. (Currently Amended) The rake according to claim 2 1, wherein the rake head is retained in the position parallel to the handle by a first retaining mechanism coupled to the rake head.

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7. (Currently Amended) The rake according to claim 2 1, wherein the rake head is retained in the position perpendicular to the handle by a second retaining mechanism coupled to the rake head.

8. (Currently Amended) A sand trap rake for smoothing sand in sand traps, the rake comprising:

an extendable handle;

a rake head pivotally attached to the extendable handle, the rake head carrying a plurality of tines and configured to be movable between a position generally parallel to the handle and a position generally perpendicular to the handle without being detached from the handle; and

a spike attached to an end of the rake head, wherein said spike is generally perpendicular to said plurality of tines.

9. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 8, further comprising a pivot housing generally between the rake head and the handle, wherein the pivot housing is fixedly attached to the rake head, the handle being movably attached to the pivot housing.

10. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 9, further comprising a first means for retaining carried by the pivot housing for retaining the handle when the rake head and handle are relatively generally perpendicular.

11. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 10, further comprising a second means for retaining carried by the rake head for retaining the handle when the rake head and handle are relatively generally parallel.

12. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 11, wherein said first and second means for retaining comprise generally C-shaped retaining clips.

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14. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 12, wherein the rake head has two ends and said second means for retaining is generally adjacent to the end opposite to the end to which the spike is attached.

15. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 12, wherein the relatively perpendicular position of the rake head and handle is a working position, and wherein the relatively parallel position is a storage position in which the rake is adapted to be placed and remain in a generally upright position adjacent to a sand trap.

16. (Currently Amended) A rake comprising:

an extendable handle comprising at least two telescoping handle

members;

a rake head pivotally attached to said handle at one end of one of said telescoping handle members, wherein the rake head carries a plurality of tines and is pivotally moveable between a position generally parallel to the handle and a position generally perpendicular to the handle without being detached from the handle; and

a spike coupled to the rake, wherein said spike is generally perpendicular to said plurality of tines.

17. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 16, further comprising means for locking the rake head in the generally perpendicular position.

18. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 17, wherein said means for locking comprises a generally tubular locking member slidably carried on the handle generally at the end of the handle to which the rake head is attached, said locking member slidable between a position in which the rake head is free to pivot relative to the handle and the generally perpendicular position.

19. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 18, further comprising means for retaining the rake head in the generally parallel position.

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20. (Previously Presented) The rake according to claim 19, wherein the relatively perpendicular position of the rake head and handle is a working position, and wherein the relatively parallel position is a storage position in which the rake is adapted to be placed and remain in a generally vertical position adjacent to a sand trap.